

## Board Rejects Plea of Men on 67 Short Lines

Petition for Wages and Conditions Like Those on Trunk Railroads Refused 4,000 Workers at Present

### Hearings Later Possible

I. C. Laborers Confer on Cut: Suit Dropped as N. Y. C. Delays Reduction

CHICAGO, March 28.—The petition of 4,000 employees of sixty-seven "short line" railroads for wages and working conditions identical with those on the trunk lines of the country was dismissed by the United States Railroad Labor Board to-day. The case was heard last fall on the request of fifteen unions that the wage scales and national working agreements on the standard railroads be applied to the short lines.

Because of the diversified duties of the short line employees the board declared it was "impracticable to determine what reasonable rules shall be on the short lines," and without a uniform classification of work the board declared it could not undertake to determine reasonable wages.

An elaborate study of the kinds of work performed on the short lines was deemed necessary to establish reasonable rules, the decision said, and until the general rules hearing affecting the trunk lines is disposed of, the board pointed out, it was impracticable to take action on the short lines. Originally 103 carriers, employing from 25 to 400 men, were parties to the dispute. Ten electric lines were dismissed and twenty-seven others applied the wage scales of the trunk lines, eliminating them from the case. Under the decision employees and carriers may still negotiate their own agreements on wages or working conditions. The decision stipulated, however, that it should not be considered as affecting "any wage increase now in effect nor any agreement regarding wages between any carrier and its employees."

Thus, short lines which accepted for their men the terms of the \$800,000,000 wage award of last July will not be privileged to go back to the old scale under to-day's action.

The history of negotiations leading up to the establishment of national agreements for railroad employees was laid before the Railroad Labor Board to-day by B. M. Jewell, president of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, in a general rules hearing.

Mr. Jewell cited the correspondence between the employees' department and the United States Railroad Administration as evidence of the cooperation between the workers and the Administration, asserting that a similar cooperation between the privately owned carriers and the employees also was possible. Mr. Jewell expects to continue his testimony for the remainder of the week.

Representatives of unskilled labor on the Illinois Central Railroad conferred with the company's officers on a proposed wage reduction. The company has made no definite proposition to the men, according to C. M. Kittle, vice-president, who said he expected an agreement to be reached in several days.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 28.—Application for an injunction to prevent the New York Central Railroad putting into effect an announced wage cut on Friday was withdrawn in Federal Court to-day, when railroad attorneys gave assurance that no effort to enforce the reduction would be made pending hearings before the Federal Railroad Labor Board.

Request for a temporary restraining order was made in the suit brought by 1,200 employees of four subsidiary lines to obtain the court's interpretation of what authority the Federal board has in backing up its order that railroads may not reduce wages without conferences with employees.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—President Harding was urged to-day by a delegation representing eleven of the independent organizations of railroad employees and subordinate officials that visited the White House to appoint a man from one of their organizations to the Railway Labor Board. Three names suggested by the delegation were those of William L. Heacock, Chicago, grand secretary of the Order of Railway Station Agents; Edward McNamara, Lowell, Mass., senior grand vice-president of the Brotherhood of Station Employees; and H. L. Looney, Worcester, Mass., of the American Railway Expressmen.

Bandits Rob Shop of \$900  
On Crowded Bronx Street

Although the street outside was crowded, Arthur Lester, manager of Long hat store at 2333 Third Avenue, the Bronx, and David Buckman, a salesman, yesterday were held up in the store by three men, who escaped with \$900 in cash which they took from the till.

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## \$1,000 Bride-To-Be Gets Offer of Theatrical Tour

Physicians Consider Girl's Offer to Save Mother Reflection Upon Trenton Hospital

TRENTON, N. J., March 28.—A physician on the staff of the Mercer Hospital here asserted to-day that the widely publicized offer of sixteen-year-old Dorothy Miller to marry, two years hence, any white man who would give her \$1,000 now so that an operation could be performed to save her mother's life, was a reflection upon Mercer Hospital.

The institution commands the services of the most skillful surgeons, he said, and one of its purposes was to take free of charge, just such cases as that of Mrs. Miller. If an operation was necessary, and she had not the money to pay for it, all she had to do was to apply to the hospital, he said.

When this was called to the attention of Mrs. Miller she asserted that she was not a charity patient. The check for \$1,000 from a man in St. Paul which was said yesterday to be on its way to her had not arrived to-night.

An offer of a \$100-a-week contract from a theatrical agency did arrive for Dorothy, however, and will be accepted if the agency will send her ten weeks' salary right away.

## Fifty College Students To Help Rebuild France

Premier Briand Accepts Offer of Aid From Reconstruction Association

The American Students Reconstruction Association has just been organized to send to France this summer fifty of more college students of architecture, landscape architecture and engineering. These students will work in the devastated area under the supervision of the French Ministry of the Liberated Regions. A cablegram has been received from Premier Briand by the French High Commission accepting the offer of the students and promising that they will be called upon to collaborate with the architectural service of the departments of the Marne and Meuse.

The organization has the support and approval of the architectural schools of Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia and Pennsylvania. On the university committee are Professor Everett V. Meeks of Yale; Professor William Emerson of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Professor F. H. Bosworth Jr. of Cornell; Professor William A. Boring of Columbia; Professor Warren P. Laird, of Pennsylvania; and Professor Howard Crosby Butler, of Princeton.

On the honorary committee are: Miss Anne Morgan, Miss Belle Skinner, Mrs. J. W. Dickson, Mr. Whitney Warren and Henry D. Sleeper. On the architectural committee are: H. Van Buren Magonie, James G. Rogers, Charles Butler, Lawrence Grant White, Thomas Hastings and S. B. P. Trowbridge.

## Penrose Holds Negroes Should Ride in Pullmans

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, March 28.—Social equality for colored citizens in public institutions such as hotels, restaurants, railroad trains, Pullman cars and street-cars was declared to-day by Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania. He made the declaration to a delegation of colored men from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, who called on him to ask his support for the Asbury bill in the Pennsylvania Legislature, known as the "equal rights bill." Senator Penrose authorized his visitors to announce publicly that he favored the Asbury bill.

"The time has passed," said Senator Penrose, "when there can be any discrimination against our colored citizens. They should have assurance that they will receive equal social, political and commercial rights and be placed on an equality in those respects with white citizens."

"As I understand it, the Asbury bill guarantees to the colored citizen freedom from discrimination in restaurants and hotels. I think they ought to be accorded full privileges of that sort. The Pennsylvania Railroad now hauls white and black passengers in the same cars. You see colored citizens in the Pullmans. There is no reason why they should not be there."

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## Gale Kills One, Injures Score in City

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numerous boats in Staten Island Sound were broken.

Twenty-nine lighters which were moored at the foot of Ninety-sixth street and North River, were torn from their moorings at the height of the gale. There were no men on the barges and they were not missed until a pier watchman, making his rounds shortly after nine o'clock, discovered the loss.

The harbor police were notified immediately and the John F. Hyland was dispatched to round up the drifting boats.

All of the twenty-nine craft were accounted for by midnight. Some of them had been found as far up the river as 110th street.

Street, others were scattered along the Jersey shore, while a few had drifted down stream and gave considerable trouble to regular harbor craft until they were taken in tow and returned to their moorings.

Eighteen of the barges were owned by the Interstate Lighterage Co., 120 Liberty street, and the remainder belonged to Robert H. Haight, 17 State street.

At the entrance of Staten Island Sound, off St. George, a barge of the Standard Oil Company, loaded with 1,500 barrels of oil, was almost capsized.

The barge was blown overboard and 1,000 of them were picked up by a towboat as they were drifting to sea.

Jersey Towns Hard Hit

Many Jersey towns suffered from the gale. At Plainfield a score of houses were unroofed and a large number of trees uprooted.

Peter Kane, twenty-four years old, a driver employed by a local Express Company, was crushed beneath his overturned wagon and carried in a serious condition to the home of a nearby physician.

The accident occurred on West Front street in Plainfield. On running Avenue a horse was killed. The large estate on East Front Street of Pierre Mali, the Belgian Consul, suffered great damage.

The home of Martin Giles in North Plainfield was wrecked. The Bound Brook Ice Company's plant at Somerville, N. J., was completely wrecked and bricks hurled for several hundred yards.

In other Jersey towns porches were torn from houses, chimneys and trees blown down, telegraph and telephone poles demolished and trolley service badly crippled.

The weather man predicted last night that the mercury will drop to the freezing point to-day. The highest temperature yesterday was 73 degrees at 2 p. m. At 8 p. m. the mercury had fallen to 29 degrees. The entire central and northwest sections of the United States experienced a sharp drop in temperature yesterday. Snow fell at Buffalo and Syracuse and the thermometer registered 6 degrees below zero at Duluth.

## Freeze Does 11 Millions Harm to Oklahoma Fruit

Storm From West Sends Thermometer Down 30 Degrees in Half Hour at Philadelphia

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The cold wave marching swiftly on the Eastern states to-night swiftly in from the West and Southwest, where it was freezing fruits and early vegetable crops and causing physical suffering.

Shortly after noon the Weather Bureau issued a storm warning for the Atlantic Coast, from Eastport, Me., to Cape Hatteras. It prophesied a northwest gale.

The Mississippi Valley and the great

lakes region are in the grip of a severe freeze. Reports from the Southwest told of blighted prospects for a record fruit yield in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and southern Texas. The loss due to freezing in Oklahoma was estimated at \$11,000,000. Along the Oklahoma boundary thermometers registered from 12 to 32 degrees above zero. In Chicago an icy blast out of the Northwest sent the mercury down to 21 degrees at mid-day.

In Philadelphia the thermometer did a nose dive of 30 degrees in as many minutes after a wind and rain storm which followed a sultry day. The mercury there was still falling to-night.

A snow storm followed a drop in temperature of 38 degrees in four hours at Scranton, Pa., to-day. At 11 a. m. the thermometer registers 17 degrees and at 3 p. m. it was 40, where it remained stationary the rest of the afternoon. The snow storm lasted an hour, about half an inch falling.

## Business Activity Still Marked by Conservation

Fourth Federal Reserve Bank at Cleveland Says Labor Troubles Are Present Problems

CLEVELAND, March 28.—The utmost conservatism still marks business activity in the Fourth Federal Reserve District, according to the monthly business review of the Fourth Federal Reserve Bank, issued to-day. Some plants that have been shut down for many months are resuming operations in some degree, but others that are more closely dependent upon the daily or weekly flow of orders are gauging their production to the orders on hand. Complaint still is made at many sources of the alleged failure of the retailer to pass on to his trade the full benefit of the reduction in prices in the wholesale markets, the report continues.

"Unemployment generally appears to be slightly decreasing in the principal cities, except where industry is just beginning to feel the full effect of liquidations. In the larger cities in the steel industry, especially Pittsburgh, it is said that reports of activity there enticed large numbers of workers from other cities where industry was less active.

"Threatened labor troubles, particularly in the transportation and building lines, are problems of the present."

## Mexican Trade Mission Here on Goodwill Trip

The Mexican Goodwill Commission, which arrived in this city yesterday morning, will describe business conditions in Mexico to a committee of the New York City Merchants' Association this afternoon at the Hotel Majestic. The members will present an official invitation to American business men to attend the International Trade Conference in Mexico City on June 12.

Yesterday the delegates were met by Major George H. Richards, of the Merchants' Association, and a reception committee, which escorted them to West Point on a sightseeing trip.

## No Trace of Lost Flyers; Search To Be Continued

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 28.—Officials at the naval air station said to-night that although no trace of the missing naval balloon and five men, which departed on a practice run March 22, had been found, the search would be continued indefinitely.

A strong northwest wind, accompanied by rain squalls, interfered to-day with the search, but the dirigible and planes will renew the quest as soon as the weather moderates.

## Good Motor Trade Gains Reported From Detroit

Demand Best in East and Far West; Higher Grade Cars Sell as Well as Cheaper Ones

DETROIT, March 28.—A decided improvement in the motor car business, with a resultant increase in production, was indicated by manufacturers here to-day. Demand for pleasure cars, trucks and tractors, it was said, had been growing steadily for several weeks past. Producers of low-priced machines first noted the improvement, but now, it was indicated, higher-grade cars were in demand. One manufacturer of a high-priced car reported to-day his stock was oversold.

The principal demand, according to the manufacturers, comes from the East and the Far West.

The Ford Motor Company announced to-day that 60 per cent of the men employed here last fall were now at work on a six day a week schedule, while the Dodge Brothers plant, which opened only two weeks ago on a 10 per cent scale, was reported to be working at 60 per cent normal. The Packard, Hudson and Essex plants are running at

about 50 per cent and the Cadillac, Lincoln, Paige, Hupp, Studebaker, Columbia, Maxwell-Chalmers and Scripps-Booth factories here announced a quantity production had again been reached.

## New Haven Cuts Shop Wage

Men Reject New Scale When It Is Announced

The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company yesterday notified its shop employees of its intention to put into effect the scale of wages that prevailed before July 20 of last year, when the Federal Wage Board granted the last increase to the workers. A proposed reduction in the pay of the unskilled laborers on this system already has been announced.

The contemplated lower scale for the shop employees was made known by C. L. Bardo, general manager, to a conference committee of the employees at New Haven yesterday. The reduction is roughly estimated at from 17 to 22 per cent. It is understood that the committee of employees at the meeting rejected the proposed cut. The matter, therefore, will go before the Railroad Labor Board at Chicago for adjudication.



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